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Kaweah-Kern Complex – Firefighters Make Progress on Two Suppression Fires in Park

Firefighters made good progress on two wildland fires in Sequoia National Park over the weekend. The Rocky Mountain Fire Use Management Team continues to manage the two suppression fires, along with 13 wildland use fires in the parks, Sequoia National Forest, and Inyo National Forest. Lightning caused fourteen of the fires and is the suspected cause of the **Paradise 2**.

- **Homer's Nose 2** – Two crews completed line on the southwest flank on Sunday. The fire is holding at 230 acres. Today, a ten person module will hold and improve hand line on the southwest perimeter. Because of concerns for firefighter safety in extremely rugged terrain, crews cannot construct hand line around the fire to achieve complete containment. Full suppression of this fire will occur only with the winter season. The parks initiated suppression of this fire to prevent its spread onto state protected lands and reduce the impacts of smoke in the Three Rivers area.
- **Paradise 2** - Suppression efforts continue on the 42-acre **Paradise 2** fire. Three Type I crews are building hand line on the south flank of this fire, supported by helicopters conducting water drops on hot spots. No structures are threatened at this time.

The following is an update for current wildland fire use projects. These are lightning-caused fires allowed to spread naturally to improve forest health by reducing ground fuels and maintaining a natural fire cycle. Trails remain closed in the areas of these fires to provide for public safety.

- **Williams Fire (Kings Canyon National Park)** – Activity continued on this fire with torching of trees, spotting, and short surface runs. Estimated acreage is 2,385 acres.
- **West Kern Fire (Sequoia National Park, Sequoia National Forest, and Inyo National Forest)** – This fire spotted across the Kern River to the east side on the Inyo National Forest in the Kern Lake area. The spot fire is approximately five acres in size. Total estimated size is 5,195 acres of which 2,085 acres are on the Sequoia National Forest. An air quality station has been set up in Kernville to monitor the smoke in the area.

- **Giant Fire (Sequoia National Park)** – This fire continues smoldering and creeping in surface vegetation. The estimated size is 240 acres. Several popular trails remain closed for the safety of the public. Hazard trees continue to fall in the fire perimeter, and there are numerous hot spots.

The remaining fires show little activity except for the West Clover which grew to approximately 19 acres.

In addition, **Sequoia National Forest** is managing two wildland fire use projects in the Cannell Meadow Ranger District. Forest staff will continue to monitor these lightning-caused fires that started on September 3.

- **Hooker Fire** – Located southeast of Hooker Meadow, this fire is approximately 65 acres in size.
- **Albanita Fire** – This fire, located about two miles north of the Hooker Fire, is approximately 180 acres in size and is burning actively on the ground.